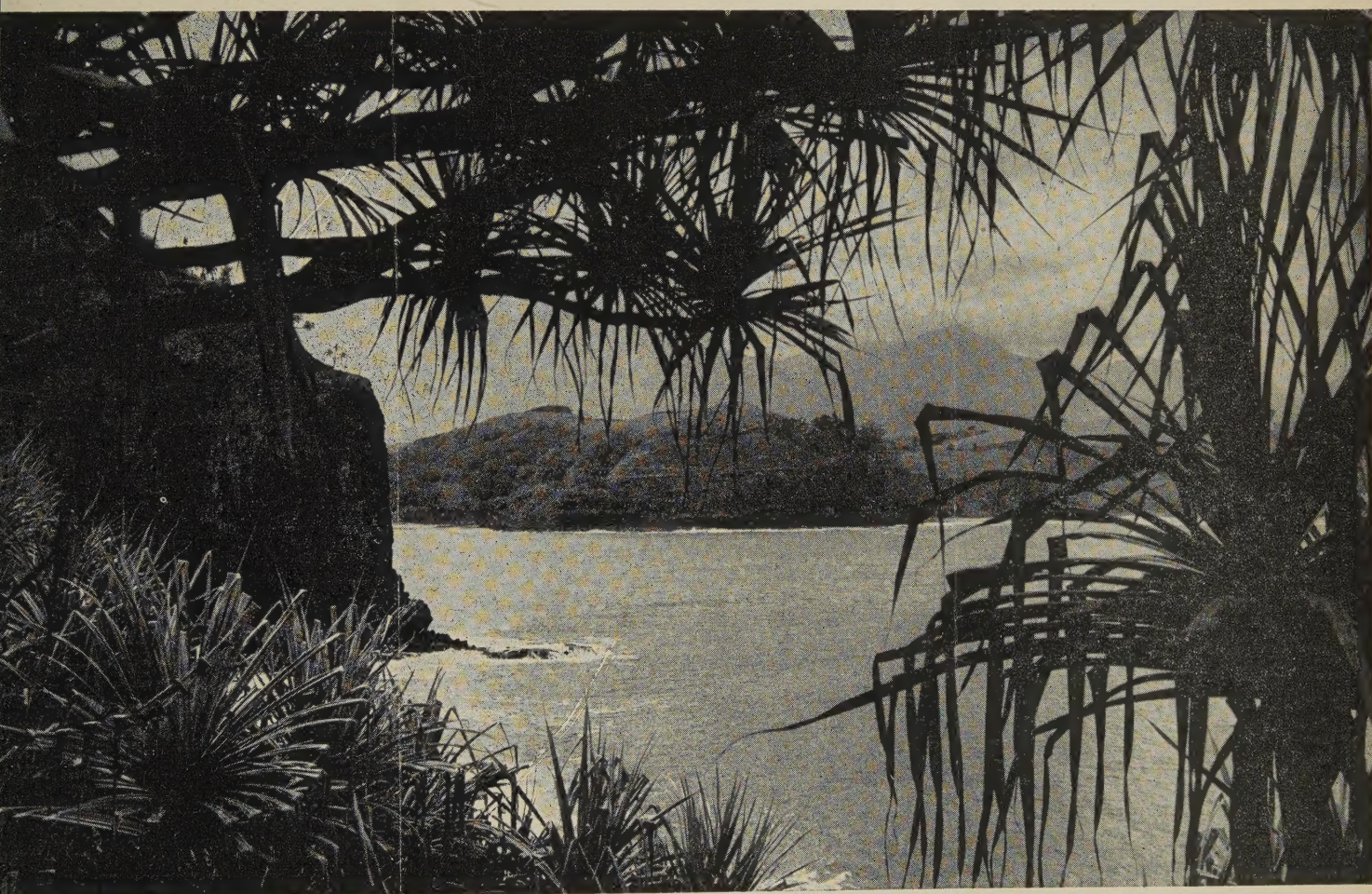


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# Glad Tidings

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—Courtesy Diogenes Lantern.



# Camp Meeting Time

When it's meeting time in St. Helena cars move from all points of the compass over the district, moving toward the campground, their occupants drawn by one urge—to get to the great gathering of Pentecostal people, who annually meet together for a season of fellowship and full gospel services designed for all ages and varying group interests.

With the exception of 1944, when war regulations interfered, every summer since 1934 has seen a large company of our people enjoying a time of blessing and happy fellowship and being edified by the good ministry of those who present the gospel in word and music.

Laying aside the routine of regular home activities and responsibilities, the saints of God can enjoy all the meetings they want to—from service to prayer, from prayer to service—as much as they want; or they can rest as much as they wish—in tent or in casual visiting with friends and acquaintances.

Young people's activities and interests are considered and services designed to meet the need in congealing young Christian experience into strong Christian character and usefulness in the cause of Christ. Those interested in learning more of the ways and methods of teaching the children, find a program of helpful teaching and discussion. The ladies who are interested in turning the work of their hands into helpfulness in the cause of missions, both home and foreign, as well as Christian service in their own churches and communities, pool ideas and efforts in the forwarding of the splendid W.M.C. work of our movement.

Bible teaching, exhortation, inspiration, united prayer and praise to God, all blend in providing a spiritual feast inspiring to the heart, refreshing to the soul, and strengthening to the spirit purposing Christian living and service.

Gathering with many of "like precious faith," we have renewed pleasure in our own faith by the sharing in joint worship and uniting in prayer and praise to Him Who has redeemed us. Bound together by similar experience and com-

mon persuasion, we rejoice in the goodness and blessing of our Lord.

When camp is over, many will have passed special landmarks in their Christian experience—some saved, some filled with the Spirit, some healed in body, and some particularly helped in a crisis time of spiritual development.

A summer camp, a revival campaign, a youth conference, a fellowship meeting, and a convocation of believers—all rolled into one, to enjoy the blessing and presence of God—is our camp meeting. When the last car has left at the close of the meeting, the blessing and benefit will not be over. For back to churches everywhere in the District will go members with good reports and refreshed souls.

Some may feel like Peter on the Mount of Transfiguration, that it would be well to build and remain together. But there is work to do, responsibilities to face at the foot of the mountain of blessing. May God help each one to fill his place in the service of his Master to the glory of his Redeemer Lord.—M.M.

## His Grace

A tiny grain of sand came in  
My life to stay,  
No power had I to push it out—  
There was no way.  
And when I struggled with the smart  
The sand would bring.  
It grew to be yet more and more  
A hurting thing.  
Then one day Some One came to pour  
Upon that place  
The wondrous Heaven-pure substance  
Of His grace.  
I loo'ed to see the thing removed  
But lo, it stayed:  
Instead—exquisite miracle—  
A pearl was made!

—Opal L. Bibbs.

He is no fool who parts with what he cannot keep to get what he shall not lose.

The straight and narrow road is the only one without a traffic problem.

## A Place of Safety

When men see that a prairie fire is coming what do they do? Not the fleetest horse can escape it. They must take a match and light the grass around them. They take their stand in the burnt district and are safe. They hear the flames roar as they come along, but they do not fear. They do not even tremble as the oceans of flames surge about them, for over the place where they stand the fire has already passed and there is no danger.

And there is one spot on earth that God has swept over. Nineteen hundred years ago the storm burst on Calvary, and the Son of God took it into His open bosom. Now, if we take our stand by the open cross, we are safe for time and eternity.

## Glimpse

Penicillin in the Bible—Under the heading, "Ancients Knew of It," the *Detroit News* carries the following dispatch from Edinburgh: "Believe it or not, says a Glasgow, Scotland, commentator, but penicillin was first mentioned 3,000 years ago when the 51st Psalm was written. 'Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean,' cried the Psalmist. Scientists know that penicillin grows on hyssop and gives it healing power—effectively used in Bible times in the rite of purification after touching a corpse or a leper."—Missionary Worker.

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# Christless College

also known as

UNREGENERATE UNIVERSITY

— Extensions All Over the World —

by CHARLES SMITH

## HISTORY OF THE SINSTITUTION

1. The University of the Unregenerate was founded in approximately ,004 B.C.

2. It was founded by Lucifer, formerly known as "Son of the Morning," who gained his great store of knowledge from God and from his experiences in and out of the official position of the Anointed Cherub that Covereth." Not wishing his great discoveries about the knowledge of good and evil to be lost, he established the Sinstitution to be a reservoir of iniquity and a bulwark of Beliality.

3. The first extension was begun in the pristine purity of the Garden of Eden. The first coed was a young lady named Eve who soon persuaded her husband to register. These two charter students were so enamoured before their registration of the opportunities offered by the Sinstitution that they decided to register and to endow the college with all their inheritance at the same time. They also obligated the whole world with a blanket mortgage which is payable eternally and infinitely by all earth's sinhabitants. It is suspected by some that they did not fully appreciate the contribution they were making nor understand the profound course of study they were undertaking. But this has never been proved, and even if it could be, the contract is none-the-less final, legal and unalterable.

## FACULTY AND STAFF

S. D. Lucifer . . . . . President

S. D. Lucifer . . . . . Dean

S. D. Lucifer . . . . . Registrar

NOTE:—The Sinstitution is unique in the fact that Mr. Lucifer holds all the official positions. This does not mean that he does all the work, for he employs a legion of foul and fallen spirits who work tirelessly under his direction. This group of associates are better known as the "powers and principalities of the air." They all hold the distinctive degree of D.D., i.e., Doctor of Demonism. There are also many human under-

graduates who render most noble, effective assistance to the cause; in fact, the college would find it almost impossible to operate without them. The imposing success of the sinstitution is attributed to the fact that the president and official staff work night and day. They consider their work more important than any other occupation. This gives them a decided advantage over competitive institutions.

4. The original location in the Garden of Eden was very desirable at first, but because of the nature of the sinstitution it was necessary to remove it to other quarters—in fact it was inevitable, as its complete student body was expelled from the precincts. It is a shame that the site of the mother sinstitution has been lost forever, but such is the case; for even Lucifer and his associates cannot find a place anywhere which compares with the authentic description of the original location.

5. After the first move the work spread rapidly. All humanity was anxious to enroll. Because of the great demand upon its resources and the popularity of its accommodations the sinstitution has not always been able to function at the highest standard of achievement. Lucifer and his crew had to drive their ingenuity to the utmost and wear their horns dull in trying to meet the demand. Their faithful efforts have made it possible to provide some sort of facilities and personnel at all strategic points so that to date not an applicant has been turned away.

"Christless College" is a message prepared to tell modern youth the origin, nature, and result of sin. It has been used by the author in various youth meetings.

Only the keen, inquiring mind will appreciate its message, for argument's sharp point has been veiled in irony, implication, and innuendo.

No reflection upon true educational institutions is intended.

## Important

This Bulletin is confidential and is definitely not for general distribution as it contains information not suitable for common consumption.

The uninitiated will kindly ignore these facts should it fall into their hands. Please write direct for appropriate information

Friends interested in the Success of this Sinstitution will destroy promptly and utterly this incriminating copy.

## CURRICULUM

Courses are offered in all important subjects. The texts are specially prepared and carefully examined by Lucifer and the staff for undesirable elements. Some of the major subjects are as follows:

1. *Mathematics*: A complete course on the fundamentals. It is in this class that virtue, honesty, integrity, reverence, piety, peace, and love are *subtracted*. The student is *divided* from success, home, family, and reputation. He learns the *addition* of selfishness, hate, greed, lust, licentiousness, and the *multiplication* of poverty, sorrow, sickness, remorse, anguish, and torment.

2. *Languages*: Students of the university are outstanding in their language attainments. They have a marked accent and a liberal vocabulary which is a mark of distinction wherever they go. They become fluent in the accepted languages of the world, and thereby are able to converse on a certain level with men of all nations. The college is making real progress toward the perfection of a universal language which, it is hoped, will eventually undo the damage God did in the confusion of languages at the Tower of Babel.

3. *Science*: The science classes are very much abreast of the times. They have embraced in all the realm of science the concept of causelessness. Science is elevated to a higher plane when the student is no longer bound by the ancient argument of cause and effect. All the sciences take on a new dignity when it is understood that all the realm of nature has arisen spontaneously and will eventually be consummated in a glorious astronomical collision or colossal atomic explosion.



There are many other courses of study which cannot be described here. It is sufficient to say that all the subjects are so important that none are electives, but all are required.

#### FRATERNAL SOCIETIES

There are many domestic societies which provide pleasure, pastime, and mutual fellowship. There is a steady social whirl which provides times of giddy gaiety between the more sober hours. The fraternity houses have no unnecessary rules. Anything goes; that is, anything which does not discord the harmony nor jeopardize the scholastic standing of the student organization. The rules which follow are not burdensome, but are strictly enforced.

1. Conversations are to be kept lively with no mention of Sin, Salvation, Death, Hell, Eternity, or God; except of course, when used in a jest or pun.

2. No Christian is allowed to join until he has renounced his former beliefs. They have, without exception, been joy killers. Occasionally they happen in, but always find fault with the taste of the wine, the costumes of the members, or the lilt of the music.

3. No Bible is allowed on the premises. It has been demonstrated that books on art, science, travel, education, nature, and entertainment do not interfere with accepted customs; the Bible, however, is taboo.

4. No one is permitted to sleep before three A.M., for it is considered that the wee hours are best for pursuing the course of study.

5. No picture of mother is allowed upon the wall. The instructors have found them a definite detraction from the interest of the student. Morbid observation of "mother portraits" have sometimes made such shipwreck of the students that they have to leave the school.

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

How much does it cost to attend this institution of higher education? Since its inception the school has required no registration fee. Admission is absolutely free. The poor are just as welcome as the rich. Nor is any distinction made because of age, sex, color, or creed. Religion, providing one is broadminded, is no hindrance to entry or attendance.

The tuition rates are, at first, absolutely negligible, so as to work no hardship upon the student during the period of adjustment to the customs and habits

he must learn. Semesters come and go before there is any noticeable increase in the accommodation rate. The sharp increase in rates does not come until the student has become so attached to the school that there is little danger of his dropping his fascinating schedule of study because of the cost, be it ever so high. At the arrival of the time when the student had hoped to graduate, he is so deeply indebted, the payment in full of his account is beyond any human ability. No student is allowed to leave the precincts with an account outstanding. This explains the fact that all decide immediately on a post-graduate course. With the exception of phenomenal cases of students whose accounts are paid in full by miraculous means, they inevitably die in the institution, leaving great unpaid balances. The alumni association, consequently, is entirely posthumous in nature; but that does not prevent their attendance, in slightly altered form, of the alumni association's eternal convocation in the Infernal Extension of the Damned Souls where Lucifer collects the accounts in full with interest. Lucifer, incidentally, is also president of the alumni association.

#### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The university has the largest alumni of all time. As was previously stated, it is entirely posthumous, since all the students die in the institution.

Lucifer, of course, is the oldest and most illustrious member. But there are many other luminous dignitaries in its ranks. The great of all the ages have without exception matriculated at the university and have entered the Association's Hall of Fame. Men of such renown they have been that their names are household words, and no eulogy of their accomplishments is necessary.

There were Lucifer, Cain, Nimrod, Pharoah, Nebuchadnezzar, Alexander, Herod, Judas, Pilate, Nero, Voltaire, Ingersol, Mussolini and Hitler. Another such is still living and therefore not qualified by death to become a member. But so great and notorious are his deeds that his name will no doubt shine down through the years with the others.

What other institution numbers such famous names in its alumni? Certainly the thoughtful consideration of their attainments should influence any who are planning to train for the future.

#### My Times Are In His Hands

I should really like to go,  
Like to leave this world below,  
With its sorrow, care, and woe,

Like to see the Lord I love,  
Like to breathe the fragrant air  
Of that land supremely fair,  
Far beyond all earthly care,  
In my Father's house above.

I should like on high to dwell  
Where no ocean surges swell,  
And the joys that none can tell

Are by countless millions shared,  
Where no form or stain of sin,  
Aught that mars, can enter in,  
And no evil can begin,

By which human hearts are snared.

All my times are in His hands,  
Subject to His wise commands,  
While the Christ, my Surety, stands

In my Father's presence there;  
And my Father never makes—  
Never has nor can—mistakes,  
And no child of His forsakes,  
Granting each His constant care.

So whatever I desire,  
To whatever hopes aspire,  
Or whatever gifts acquire—

All are under His control;  
Not a wish would I possess,  
Ask for neither more or less  
Than what He, my Lord, can bless,  
To His glory in my soul.

So, while I should like to go  
Like to see the Lord I know  
Where celestial beauties grow,

This my prayer, "Thy will be done!"  
Whether I shall go or stay,  
'Tis all right! Lord, have Thy way!  
Keep me thus each day, I pray;  
Finish Thou the work begun.

Then with Christ I shall abide  
Over on the other side,  
Where no ill can e'er betide,

While eternal ages roll,  
In that land of pure delight,  
Where shall come no shades of night,  
And true faith is lost in sight—  
Home of my immortal soul.

—J. Narver Gortner.

(Written when the author was very weak  
and ill and was wondering if days on earth  
were to be few.)



# FOREIGN MISSIONS

## *Vest Africa*

From Freetown, Sierra Leone, Brother and Sister Harold E. Rhodes write: Another year has gone: twelve crowded months of weeks and days of heat and rain. They pass and fill the already overflowing files of memory. As another page torn from the calendar of our lives, so we salute our first year in Africa.

"The Sunday school has reached the peak so far. Two hundred boys and girls, men and women gather in the church, and we wonder just where we shall put another if he should come. But when the late one arrives, the overcrowded bench has room for one more. Just last Sunday I had 57 children in my class. Really that is a hand full and then some!

"Sunday nights finds the church filled with mostly young men. They are more forward than the women. However, Geraldine has her meeting for the women and they come out to that. She is teaching them to sew. When they start they sit on chairs, but soon they find the floor more to their natural habit; so if they need help she has to sit on the floor too. But we are here to help them.

"We do thank God for each one that has been saved since our coming here. We plan to have a baptismal service soon, for there are many that want to follow the Lord this way. . . .

"With the time drawing near for another camp, we find ourselves wishing we could drop in for a few services to enjoy the ministry of others."

## *West Africa*

Brother Floyd Thomas writes from their station in the Gold Coast: "We are all in good health. The weather is much cooler now due to the rains that are beginning to fall (written June 2), and of course this always makes us feel better too. This last dry season was the hottest that we have experienced; so the rains are a blessed relief.

"Brother Harold Lehmann is our new District Superintendent and is doing a fine job in this office. We have appreciated his ministry and fellowship out here. Incidentally they put me in as Assistant Superintendent, and Brother Paul Wiedman as Secretary-Treasurer.

"Official word has been received . . . granting us our furlough after the month

of October; so we will be looking forward to see you all again. We will be open for meetings after the first of the year, as we wish to take a short rest when we arrive. We are supposed to take six weeks out of each year for a vacation, but we have been unable to take our leave for two years due to the press of duties . . .

"I don't know whether your office has been informed about my transportation or not, but the station wagon and jeep that I have been privileged to use came to me because funds were available through the Speed-the-Light fund . . . Thanks to the District for their part in this program.

"Greeting to all and may God bless you . . ."

## *Central America*

Written the first week of May, a letter from Brother Ralph D. Williams, Superintendent of the work in El Salvador, comes with news of the progress of the Bible school. He, too, writes of the welcome rains that bring relief in a climate that is enervating, being a perpetual hot summer climate. He writes further:

"However, our chief interests lie in another sphere. The great question is: how can we reach more and more people with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, which 'is the power of God unto salvation'?

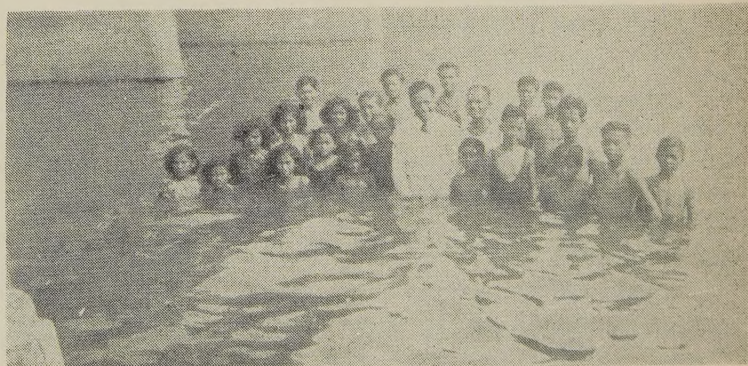
"We have a wide open door before us that offers an almost limitless opportunity to get this living message to the people. God has blessed us marvelously to date, but when the burden of the responsibility of the untouched hundreds of thousands of this one small republic alone is brought to bear upon us by the Spirit of the Lord we feel that practically nothing has yet been

done. Instead of 50 churches, there should be 5,000; instead of only 3,000 believers, there should be 300,000. It is to be an 'innumerable multitude' that sing the song of the redeemed in heaven.

"Right now we are grappling with a building program in the Bible Institute. It is keeping me from field work where I would be holding campaigns, short course Bible conferences, and visiting new openings. But we must put first things first. God is raising up workers, and we must extend our capacity to train them. Last year we received 79 men into quarters that would normally accommodate about 50; so we must get this work done quickly. To hold up one worker's preparation may easily mean withholding the gospel message from hundreds who would have no other way of hearing. Pray with us. Your prayers have held us up and caused the showers to fall all during the past years. Also you have been helping financially all the time you have been praying . . .

"We have had to postpone the Women's Bible School for this year, much to our disappointment. But sincerely trust we may have all this building work finished by the end of June so that we will not fail to be ready for the opening of the Men's Bible School. The new dormitories, dining room, kitchen, bathrooms, absolute essentials to receiving these students, are about two-thirds completed. Also we are negotiating for an additional lot only one block away from the school that we now require for such services as laundry and store, as well as a place to raise vegetables for the school. Although present funds are already overdrawn, we are going forward because we believe the Lord is behind this plan. The native Christians have promised to help and are doing so faithfully, but their offerings are coming in too slowly for the present urgent need . . . We want to get this material work finished

Brother E. C. Lagmay is shown with group in river ready for baptism in the Philippines, where he is now laboring for the Lord.





in order to make room for the spiritual work. . . .

"May we also request a special interest in your prayers for our native pastors and believers. We are experiencing a new wave of opposition from the Catholic priests in many parts of the country. Recently a manifestation was staged in this town, and a great number of people marched through the streets toward our church, where they endeavored to force an entrance and break up the meeting in progress. They were frustrated in their attempt, however, by a number of unbelievers who crowded in the doorway and hindered them from doing any more than throwing stones into the hall. In the outlying villages this kind of persecution has reached a more violent phase, and some places have been closed down temporarily.

"Accept our sincere thanks for your kindness in the past. We pray that God may continue to bless you."

### A Sausage-Like Fish

Deep-sea explorers tell us there is a fish that lives far below the surface of the ocean. This fish is a dirty black in color and resembles a sausage. But the queer thing about it is its mouth, which is so small it is hard to see. How do you think it gets its food with so small a mouth? It attaches itself to a larger fish and bores its way into the body. Eventually the larger fish is killed by this leech-like fish.

How like sin. For sin attaches itself to a soul and eats away until the soul is dead—unless the sin is removed by the blood of Jesus.

### Wonderful Book on Child Training

The best book in the world on child training, is in the Book of Proverbs. Every parent should study the book of Proverbs and mark carefully every passage that gives instruction in child training. It's worth more than a four-year college course in modern child psychology. Here is only one of many important passages: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (Prov. 13:24).

Bernard Shaw once said: "What the world needs today is parents fit for the children to live with."

It's better to be small and shine than to be big and cast a shadow.

## China Relief

Brother Harland A. Park, missionary in Hong Kong, has some interesting things to tell of the distribution of clothing in China. From his recent letter, we quote:

"I was very glad to hear that you are again preparing shipments of clothing for the needy of the world. The First Church sent another shipment several months ago. This was received in very good condition. Very little has been given out yet. The bulk of the shipment is now in Canton waiting to be transhipped to the interior. Shipping things in the interior of China is much different than at home. We cannot turn the things over to some reliable company because there is none. Everything *must* be accompanied to its destination or it is sure to be found missing. We are expecting to hold a meeting of all our workers this summer, and when they return they can look after the things that are to go to their stations. This is the first reason the things have not been passed out.

"The other big reason is that in the summer, clothing is not needed so much. There might be a great temptation for the recipient to sell the clothing or pawn it for something he or she might need for the present; then when winter comes they would be in as bad a fix as they ever were. We believe it would be better to wait until the cold weather approaches, then begin to distribute this last shipment.

"It would be very nice if there were another shipment to arrive about the time the workers begin to return to their stations, for then they could take

it too back with them. They are expecting to have their meeting about August 1 and would be returning about the 10th. I am a little afraid you would not be able to ship it so soon. If not, we will find a way. The Lord helps us in all our needs. Amen.

"The last shipment of things was a little hard to get into China. The customs have clamped down very heavily on everything. The only organization allowed to import such things free of duty is UNRRA. I explored every possible way, and finally a Dr. Henry in UNRRA helped us out. On the next shipment the regulations may be relaxed or UNRRA may be willing to look after it again. So just send it on and we will trust the Lord. So far the problem of fumigation has not bothered us here. Both shipments went through without this.

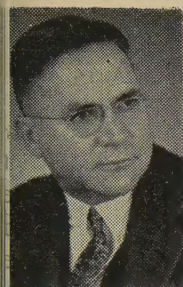
"It was interesting to read the pamphlet about sending heifers across. In some places it might be practical. At present Brother Dunn is experimenting with a few goats in Kwansi. There is more open space up there than in Kwangtung. He will be down very shortly, and he might then be able to make some more authoritative statements on the matter.

"I enclose a few pictures of shipping the relief barrels and multipurpose food. The multipurpose food has had a very good reception here and around Hong Kong. The people who have received it like it very much. The quota for up country is, like the clothing, waiting for the workers to come down and accompany it back to their stations."



Receiving Relief Goods at the Godown, Hong Kong.

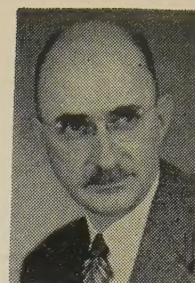




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## With the Lord

Brother A. Byron League was taken from us at seven o'clock Sunday evening June 22, after an illness of several weeks. Death came to relieve from long strain and suffering many days after medical skill had held no hope of recovery.

To Sister League and the family our heartfelt sympathy and assurance of prayer are extended that the comforting grace of our Lord shall be very real to them in this time of their great loss.

Brother League had not yet reached his fortieth birthday. He was stricken in the early spring and as the illness progressed became unable to continue in his church. He was pastor in Escalon at the time of his death, having been here since 1942.

There were two funeral services, one Wednesday morning June 25 in Escalon and one the same afternoon at First Church in Oakland, his home church. Brother Gaston and Brother Thurmond officiated at the services.

Brother League was a member of the Metropolitan group insurance and of our Ministers' Benevolent Fund.

## Quenching the Spirit

You do not need to do some great evil, some deadly sin, to quench the Spirit. Just cease to rejoice, through fear of man and of being peculiar; be prim and proper as a white and polished gravestone; let gushing joy be curbed; neglect to pray when you feel a gentle pull in your heart to get alone with the Lord; omit giving hearty thanks for all God's tender mercies, faithful discipline and loving chastenings, and soon you will find the Spirit quenched. He will no longer spring up joyously like a well of living water within you.

The grumbling Christian is more greedy of God's goods than of God's grace.

## New Credentials

At a meeting of a special subcommittee of the Credentials Committee held in Glad Tidings Temple June 18, the following were granted:

### License to Preach:

Doris L. Abbott	Ivamae Geesey
Helen M. Beasley	Rosalie Hyden
Sally M. Bradley	Louise James
Ella Mae Casey	Robert C. Johnson
Rodney E. Cooley	Rosemary Murphy
Helen V. Couchman	Morris L. Nylander
Leonard D. Couchman	William A. Rettig
Paul B. Couchman, Jr.	Roland H. Wessels
Joyce E. Erickson	John C. Wright, Jr.

### Exhorter's Permit:

Rafael R. Morales

## Gaining by Giving

A little state on the border of ancient Rome stood out for its independence a long time, but was continually assailed by its powerful foes . . . At last it consented to become part of Rome, and then it became as powerful as Rome itself. None of its adversaries dared to attack it, knowing that all the resources of Rome were behind it. So when we yield to God, we become allied to infinite strength, wisdom, and all-sufficiency, and the consecration we make to Him is small indeed compared with His giving of Himself to us in all His glorious fullness.—A. B. Simpson.

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"The ability to go on when ordinary men say the battle is lost, the faith one has when no one else can see a reason for it, the vision to see the rainbow before the storm is over, the will power to go on struggling after strength is done—that is genius."

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"One of Wesley's biographers said, 'He was out of breath pursuing souls.' Whitefield's cenotaph has carved upon it a blazing heart. The seal on Adam Clarke's grave is a candle burned down to its socket, and underneath are the words, 'In living for others, I am burned away.'"—F. A. Daw.

## For Christ in Samoa

In 1942 when Brother Winkelman left the Samoan Islands because of the war; Tuiasopo, the High Chief, a Christian, requested that a missionary might be found for them. This request was given out as Brother Winkelman visited the west-coast churches as he prepared to return to Samoa after the war, but many months passed and no one volunteered for service. Then, a short time before his sailing date, he met Brother Luce in southern California who also had a deep interest for the people of the Pacific Islands.

After this meeting Brother Winkelman sailed for Samoa and upon arrival gave Luce's name to the chief as a candidate for missionary service and following a year of correspondence and prayer the official invitation arrived saying, . . . "Hoping to greet you upon your safe arrival in these Islands, and that soon. . ."

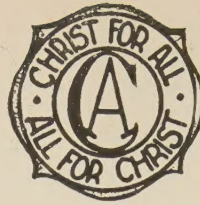
Thus, with the door of missionary service open to them, Brother and Sister Luce have been busily engaged in preparation for sailing this summer. They are going as Assembly of God ministers but not under appointment. Brother Luce will sail from San Francisco on the SS *Marine Phoenix* July 10. Sister Luce will join him a few months later. Their foreign address will be, Pago Pago, Tutuila, American Samoa. . . home address will be 3324 "L" Street, Sacramento 16, California.

## Schedule of Fellowship Meetings

July 14—Lucerne  
21—Vallejo (Chabot Terrace)  
28—Madera, Stirling City



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## "More Pentecostal Power Is Our Slogan for the Hour"

by NORMA HAZEN

It seems that these days commercialists have found the value of slogans, just a few words put together to embody a whole thought. From even the lips of a child you can hear, "Duz does everything," "Rinso, white, rinso bright, happy little wash day soap," etc. When we stop to think to what and to whom we are indebted for the enjoyment of gospel privileges, it is no wonder that we, the Glad Tidings Temple C.A.'s, have selected for our slogan for the year, MORE PENTECOSTAL POWER, for it was the POWER the apostles received at Pentecost that was the secret of their success. It is because the apostles were imbued with this power that they were willing to suffer so that we may enjoy, were willing to suffer privations that we be kept out of them.

It is only when we remember what the Roman Empire was at that time that we begin to understand the rapid spread of Christianity. Fifty years after the crucifixion of Jesus, Christians were to be found in almost every city of the Mediterranean world, from the coast of Asia Minor to Spain. This alone shows what a wonderfully *expansive power* the new religion possessed.

There is a great need today for this Pentecostal power. It was that power that gave the apostles courageous faith, valiant, soldier-like determination to speak the truth and to live it. Too often we are prone, as young people, to trim, to modify, to adapt, adapt the gospel to the age instead of standing back of those eternal truths that belong to *all* ages! The Lord did not call us to be *adapters* but *apostles*.

The apostles were not merely "fine talkers of religion" but they were men who passed from city to city aflame with a spiritual life, which to them and to those who listened to them had the effect of transfiguring them and their existence in the world.

MORE PENTECOSTAL POWER IS NEEDED IN THIS HOUR! Our Lord has filled us with His Spirit that we too might do exploits in His name. It is that we might go on, yes, on to more of His power. Too often we hear the phrase, "Oh, that we might go back to Pentecost!" Not back, never; but onward to more and still more of that which God has for us. There are realms of spiritual power and blessing that we haven't touched, that God is desirous of giving to young men and women who will abandon themselves completely to Him, that will make themselves available to God to be the channels through which He can manifest His Pentecostal power.

I use the word *abandon* because it means "to give up with the intent of *never* again claiming one's rights or interests in; to give over or surrender completely." That is what the early apostles did, they forever lost interest in the things of the world, and were completely given over to God and His work. Study their lives and see if it was bribery, a comfortable salary, a prominent position, fame, or popularity that compelled them to serve the Lord so fully, so whole heartedly. NO! They were men who did not care for their lives, reputations, or their position in their community.

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### C. A. News Bits

**Dunsmuir**—This church is blessed with a thriving 36-piece orchestra, most of them C.A.'s. The amazing thing is that practically all of them have received their musical instruction from the pastor's wife, Sister Cull.

**San Leandro**—The C.A.'s conducted a unique musical festival recently called the "Top-o-the-talent musicale." This proved to be most popular with the young people.

**Redding**—Walt Knight, C.A. president of Redding, and Bob Cull, C.A. president of Dunsmuir, are bringing their youth groups together in several successful combined services.

**Hayward**—The C.A.'s are enjoying a personal workers study course every Tuesday evening given by their pastor, Brother E. G. Eskelin.

**Vallejo**—Viola Tacker, C.A. president, reports a God-blessed candle light consecration service held in the C.A. room recently.

**San Francisco**—A large group of C.A.'s from Glad Tidings enjoyed their annual Memorial Day picnic at Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley.

**Oakland**—The Calvary Temple C.A.'s under the capable leadership of their president, Blanche Adams, are endeavoring to raise \$600 to finish their C.A. room.

**Peninsula Rally**—The rally in Menlo Park in May was well attended by our own C.A.'s and visitors. Patricia Deal reports that it was one of the best rallies yet.

**New Chairman**—Joseph Opperman, pastor at Orland, is the new chairman of the North Sacramento section.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**—How about hearing from your C.A. group? We want news from sections of Northern California and Nevada that will be of interest to all Youth groups. And . . . don't forget the pictures!



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## Short Cuts to Tragedy

by PAUL PIPKIN

(Brother Pipkin has just arrived in China)

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it."—Mark 8:31-35

We are living in a world that is in a dreadful hurry. In the midst of this daring, dazzling age of ours, men and women, boys and girls are daily being tempted to take a chance, gamble away spiritual opportunities—to take short cuts.

The short cut most of you Christian friends have been tempted to take is a road of spiritual barrenness that has filled your life with an abundance of self-centered, indifferent, and selfish works that will not escape judgment. The world is scientifically round, but spiritually flat! Even in this hour a chilling wind of lukewarmness has paralyzed the action of the church and smothered out the burning passion in the lives of many to bless the world. The ambitions of many young people traveling with us today are no greater than that of Methuselah, who lived 969 years, but the Scripture record summing up his life's work, declares all that he did was beget sons and die. The Scripture record of others were that they walked with God, were men of faith, doing heroic exploits for God, a blessing to Christ and the world. Behold the martyrs that burned completely out for God. Jesus said, "Mary did what she could." Today there are still the army of Marys and martyrs, as well as the old spiritually lazy Methuselaha.

Too many of us are in a hurry taking short cuts in our spiritual diets, in our missionary giving, and our sacrificial living. These short cuts shall lead to a judgment seat of Christ, which shall bring catastrophe, horror, and tragedy

to thousands of Christians. Before their eyes their greedy, self-centered works will be burned up, classified as wood,

hay, and stubble while the Saviour blesses others whose works are gold, silver, and precious stones, with a beautiful smile and a glorious, "Well done." While you are saved as by fire, they will have an abundant entrance into the glory. You say you are getting by and feel no conviction; but are you the



## IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

### TO REGISTER FOR ASILOMAR YOUTH CAMP

Because accommodations are limited, may we urge every C.A. to register today. For the time of your life, make your plans to fit this date! — August 9-14.

Briefly the balanced program of the camp is as follows:

1. **MORNINGS:** Bible Studies, Meeting Youth's Needs.
2. **AFTERNOONS:** Recreation, including baseball, volleyball, tennis, archery, etc.
3. **VESPERS:** Heart-to-heart Talks on Youth's Problems; Devotionals, etc.
4. **EVENINGS:** Evangelistic Meetings, Geared to Youth; Gene Martin speaking by popular request.

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## ASILOMAR

- - August 9-14 - - REGISTER NOW!

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blessing to the spiritually hungry and dying world that God intended a Spirit-filled man to be?

Nineteen hundred years ago the Nazarene Carpenter confronted this subtle heresy and soul-destroying philosophy of *just getting by*. He had come to the world to win men to life more abundant and to lift men from the gutter-most to the uttermost. The tempter took Him up on the spires of a great temple, and said, "Cast yourself down, and when your God saves you from destruction, you will win men to your standards." It was the temptation of the short cut. He had come to be a Saviour. A Saviour wins by suffering, not by magic. His crown was to be a wreath of briers, not a garland conferred on an acrobat. His victory would result from bearing a rugged cross, not from leaping off a temple turret. With the words, "Get thee behind me, Satan," on His lips, he turned from a short cut to accept a hard trail that would lead to Golgotha, but in the end to certain victory.

There can be no short cut to the kind of consecration that will break down the bulwarks of sin and evangelize our world.

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### Youth Camp

Youth camps are gaining popularity and are filling a definite need among our Pentecostal youth. We rejoice that this is so.

The young people have contracted for a spot which is second to none in the nation. Those who have seen it need no description and no urging to return. To those who have not seen it we say come and enjoy several wonderful days with us. Our invitation to *you* includes *all* young people from 13 to 35. Young married folks, you will find this an ideal place to spend your vacation. Spiritual refreshings are even more blessed in scenes where God speaks to us from the beauty of His created handiwork. We welcome you to this on the shores of the blue Pacific, off Monterey Bay.

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### C.A. News Bits

• *Yreka*—The C.A.'s greatly enjoyed the Sunday school conference Brother Suter held in Weed and advocate that C.A.'s everywhere avail themselves of any opportunity to attend such a conference so as to learn how better to help in the work of God in the local church.

## Pentecostal Power

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They were men and women who counted all things but loss that they might win Christ.

Again, *more Pentecostal power*—because it is not by might or power but by the Spirit of the Lord. It was our beloved Dr. Price who once wrote that all of the enthusiasm and exuberance of the world could not compare with the mighty moving of the Spirit of God. How true! When God moves in Pentecostal power there are signs and wonders following, the strong-holds of Satan are cast down, men and women are saved, believers are edified, and God is glorified!

More Pentecostal power because without it we are powerless. "Ye shall receive *power* after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." We are weak, spiritually anemic without His power in our lives, and the world is not impressed with what we have to offer them. It is said of the apostles that the multitude "took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." The Spirit of Christ was so in evidence in their lives, the world saw the difference.

Young people—C.A.'s,—it is God's desire today, *now* for us to be filled with more of His Spirit, more of His power. You've received the baptism, well and good, but don't stop there, go on with your Pentecostal experience to *more Pentecostal power*, that the world may take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus and are filled with His Spirit. Don't be a *mediocre Christian*. Don't be content with what you have, but reach out for more, *more Pentecostal power* to make you a more powerful witness for the Lord in these dark hours!

(Norma Hazen is San Francisco Glad Tidings Temple C.A. Secretary.)

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Be brave to do the right,  
And scorn to be untrue;  
When fear would whisper, Yield,  
Ask, What would Jesus do?

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If washed in Jesus' blood  
Then bear his likeness too,  
And as you onward pass,  
Ask, What would Jesus do?

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A sound argument must have more than sound in it.

## Going to Samoa

by MAURICE H. LUCE

Approximately half way between Hawaii and Australia, about 5,000 miles from San Francisco, lie the fourteen islands which compose the Samoan archipelago. The Samoan people are Polynesian racially, and number about 70,000 in both American and British Samoa. The Islands are located about fourteen degrees south of the equator where the climate is very tropical. The products of the Islands include most of the fruits and vegetables which grow in the South Pacific, such as bananas, papayas, coconut, taro, breadfruit, and oranges. The harbor of Pago Pago is said to be the best in the South Pacific for shipping and in addition, is one of the most beautiful in the world.

Since many of the younger generation of Samoa understand the English language, we will be able to conduct services in English from the beginning of our ministry and will learn the native tongue as we go along. The opportunity afforded through the personal invitation of Tuiasosopo, the High Chief, offers unusual encouragement in diversified fields of Christian endeavor. We are praying that God will send a mighty visitation of the Holy Spirit upon the people of the Islands, then, as they are filled with the Holy Spirit, our subsequent objectives will be the development of Christian education including the various phases of Sunday school and Christian youth activities, culminating in an evangelical Bible school for the training of Samoan pastors, evangelists, and other Christian workers. With a nucleus of Samoan Christians in the Islands who are eager for evangelical Christian leadership, we are looking forward to the blessing of God resting upon this new step of faith.

Many of you would like to go to distant fields of service, but only a few may go. We are samples of our Northern California and Nevada district ministry and will live and present the same testimony as yours, and although you may not have the opportunity to go; you can always pray. Please remember us. We know you will.

(Brother Luce is scheduled to sail for Samoa on July 10. Sister Luce will follow in a few months.)



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

L. W. SUTER, District Sunday School Representative  
1463 Alabama St., Vallejo

### Sunday School Conference in Springfield

It was our privilege to attend a special meeting of the District Sunday School representatives in Springfield, Missouri the 27th and 28th of May. A wonderful spirit of fellowship and blessing prevailed throughout the conference. The presence of the Lord was definitely felt in all the sessions which were held. One of those present said that it was the sweetest two days they had spent in a long time.

Though we are still working on the lighthouse Sunday School plan and will be until the first of October, plans are being made to lay aside the lighthouse and launch a new plan which is to be called, "The National Sunday School Standard of the General Council." With all the districts represented, except three, the Sunday school leaders went thoroughly into discussion and planning of the new National Sunday School Standard—a plan which we believe will improve the spirituality and efficiency of every Assembly of God Sunday school throughout the country. There has been a committee working on the record books, to make improvements in them, since our last national Sunday School convention. When they were presented to us we went over them carefully and many changes and improvements were made as the various representatives pointed out things that should be reconsidered from their experience on the field.

We shall never have larger Sunday schools unless we promote them. May the Lord give us such a burden for the souls of mankind that we shall feel as never before the need for the promotion of the gospel. We spent much time upon that subject, together with the urgent matter in our Sunday schools of today of absenteeism and visitors' follow-up. Principles that have often been questions in many minds were thoroughly explored and discussed and the best answer arrived at through mature consideration.

The results of such a conference as this will be felt in every one of our churches and Sunday schools in the nation. There were three sessions each day at which the representatives were able to express their personal opinions on the matters which are so vital to our Sunday school work. Though opinions differed at times, the questions were always resolved into harmony as the over-all opinion of the entire body was completely expressed. Thorough understanding of every part of the Sunday school program was aimed at and achieved on every point, and each District Sunday School Representative and each District Superintendent (there were ten of them present) returned home feeling that the Assembly of God Sunday school program, in a real sense, belonged to him—for he had been given an active part in creating it.

Definite announcement as to the launching of the National Sunday School Standard (which begins October 1, 1947) will come from each District Sunday School office. The new record books, further revised and edited, are to go into production and will be ready for use on the same date.

You have a little prisoner,  
He's nimble, sharp and clever,  
He's sure to get away from you  
Unless you watch him ever.  
And when he once gets out, he makes  
More trouble in an hour  
Than you can stop in many a day  
Working with all your power.  
He gets your playmates by the ears,  
He says what isn't so,  
And uses many ugly words  
Not good for you to know.  
Quick, fasten tight the ivory gates,  
And chain him while he's young!  
For this most dangerous prisoner  
Is just—your little tongue.

—P. L.

### Are All the Children In?

I think oftimes as the night draws nigh  
Of an old house on a hill,  
Of a yard all wide, and blossom-starred,  
Where the children played at will.  
And when the night at last came down,  
Hushing the merry din,  
Mother would look around and ask,  
"Are all the children in?"

'Tis many and many a year since then,  
And the old house on the hill  
No longer echoes to childish feet;  
And the yard is still—so still.  
But I see it all as the shadows creep,  
And though many the years have been  
Since then, I can hear the mother ask,  
"Are all the children in?"

I wonder if, when the shadows fall,  
On the last short earthly day,  
When we say goodbye to the world outside,  
All tired with our childish play,  
When we meet the Lover of boys and girls,  
Who died to save them from sin,  
Will we ask, as mother did,  
"Are all the children in?"—*Selected.*

Years ago, in Germany, there was a great teacher by the name of Tribonious who taught boys. A visitor one morning observing that Tribonious made a very low and courteous bow to the boys, and, with a pleasing smile, said, "Good morning, gentlemen," after the school upbraided Tribonious for being so courteous to the boys, some of whom were from the street and very few of whom were "gentlemen's sons," as the upper class were called at that time.

Tribonious responded, "How do I know who these boys are to be? I may be glad some day to bow down to these boys; one can never tell."

Martin Luther was one of the boys on the front seat, but neither Tribonious nor the visitor knew at the time who Martin Luther was or who he was to be.  
—*Sunday School Digest.*

### Silver Lining

A little girl stood one evening with her hand in her father's, looking wonderingly at the star-studded sky.

Suddenly she turned to him, "Daddy, if the wrong side of heaven looks like this, what must the right side be like!"



ALAMEDA — The East Bay fellowship meeting was held there June 2. The glory of the Lord was manifest in both services, which ended in altar services lined with seekers. Brother Chas. Coffey of Seaside and Brother Otto Schmidt of Martinez were the afternoon and evening speakers respectively. The pastor is Brother Earl Osborn.

AUBURN—Auburn was the host church to the Capitol district fellowship meeting which was held June 9. Brother Maurice Luce, the former local pastor and now to sail July 10 as a missionary to Samoa, was the speaker in the afternoon. Brother Floyd R. Hoole of Colusa was the evening speaker. Evangelist Johnny McCullough held a good four day youth meeting there, closing June 15. The pastor is T. L. Mendenhall. Brother Paul Radley was the main speaker at the C. A. rally held there May 26.

CENTRAL VALLEY—Brother E. Walter Squires has resigned as pastor. Brother Fred W. Pagel has been chosen to be his successor.

CHOWCHILLA—Evangelist Johnny McCullough held a good youth meeting for Pastor Wilbur Ogilvie recently.

COTATI—Brother and Sister Wesley J. Griggs have opened a gospel hall in the center of town, not far from the park. The attendance at Sunday school and church has been gratifying for a beginning, and the work is growing. May the Lord bless this new gospel work for Him!

DELHI—Brother Orville Painter has been chosen to be the new pastor, succeeding Brother A. Harold Persing.

ELKO, NEVADA—Evangelists Cliff and Martha McAteer held a good meeting for Pastor Bernard Tewell in April. One young mother was saved and eight were baptized in water. The Boardman Sisters conducted a Vacation Bible School there from June 9 to 20.

FERNDAL—Pastor Warren V. Pine reports having a richly blessed meeting with Evangelists Holmes and Jackson. Several were saved during the campaign and the revival continued on with several more being saved after the close of the meeting.

FORT BRAGG—A good sized building, situated on the main street entering town, has been purchased and is being converted into a gospel tabernacle. The building is 40 X 60 feet in measurement and has living quarters in the rear. Pastor Ivan Chapman and the congregation are delighted with the prospects of the work and will be happy to welcome visitors when our people are up in that vicinity.

GRASS VALLEY—The Grass Valley City Council has approved a City Planning Commission report permitting the erection of two church buildings in the residential districts, one of which is the Assembly of God church. They plan to build of concrete bricks on Buena Vista Street between Winchester and Mohawk Streets. W. A. McBride is the pastor.

HEALDSBURG—Pastor Seth Hartman reports that several were at the altar for salvation at the close of the two weeks Bible school the Boardman Sisters held with the children. Souls were saved during the revival campaign. Evangelist Frank C. Horne held in June, beginning the 11th.

## News from . . .

# Here and There

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Sacramento, California

LOWER LAKE — Evangelist Clyde V. Hummel held a very good meeting the last week in May for Pastor Ella M. Beare.

MADERA—Brother S. G. Cox has resigned as pastor to return to the Middle West. During the time he served as pastor in Madera nine new members were received into the church, 14 were baptized in water, a goodly number saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit, and the Sunday school attendance reached an all time high. Brother Coy H. Nicholson has been chosen to be the new pastor. The C. A.'s have been active in jail services and interested in missions. They recently gave an offering of over a thousand dollars toward speeding the Pipkin family on their way to China, reports Nedra Terwilliger.

MODESTO (Bethel)—The North San Joaquin fellowship meeting held there June 2 was an outstanding day in Bethel. The speakers were Brother Ray Ton, who spoke in the morning and again in the afternoon to a large crowd of children who came in after school; Sister Thurmond, who was in charge of a special missionary program; Brother Bob Carrington, who is now pastor in Turlock; Brother Emil J. Naef, who spoke of Church World Service and its relief program; and Brother C. Morse Ward, who was the evening evangelistic speaker. The pastor of Bethel is Donald G. Weston.

MODESTO (6th & G)—Pastor E. L. Saxelid reports: "The Lord's blessing rests upon us at this time. Souls are at the altar seeking God. We had three Sundays this past month in which our Sunday school attendance was over the 500 mark." Evangelist Johnny McCullough held a very good youth revival there in early June.

MONTEREY—Brother L. L. Guess has recently become the pastor of the Hill Top Assembly of God Church.

NAPA—Pastor A. J. Ruedger reports having had an unusually fine meeting with Evangelists Eddie and Ruthie Washington the latter part of May. There was very good response and gratifying results.

OAKLAND (Bethel)—Brother William E. Pickthorn continues on in evangelistic meetings after having conducted a very successful Sunday school conference with Pastor R. H. Moon and the co-operating churches of the East Bay area. The first annual Sunday school convention of the East Bay churches was a great success. It not only did a good work in itself in stirring and helping Sunday school workers at the 1947 meeting, but whetted the appetite of the churches for more of such conferences.

PLACERVILLE—Evangelist Walter H. Smith held a good two weeks meeting with Pastor G. Oliver Hall the latter part of May.

RICHMOND—The congregation of the Full Gospel Church will soon be back in the

old building, which was gutted by fire some weeks ago. The building has been completely reconditioned in the interior and made usable until the fine new building is completed and ready for service.

SALIDA—Pastor Dan Robinson reports: "We enjoyed a good revival meeting with Brother and Sister Harley Ketner as the evangelists. There were some saved and a good many received the baptism of the Holy Ghost."

SANTA ROSA—Brother M. P. Bohnet has resigned as pastor after several years of fruitful ministry there and during which time he built the fine new church building they now have.

SACRAMENTO—Brother Gaston supplied the pulpit the Sundays of May 4 and June 8 during the absence of Pastor Nelson Hinman when he was in Switzerland for the Pentecostal World Conference. The other Sundays during his absence were supplied by Brother Winston I. Nunes. Bethel Temple's radio program has been changed from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday over Station KCRA, Sacramento. "Sermons in Song" is broadcast over the same station Saturday afternoon 4:15 to 4:30 p.m.

STOCKTON—Brother V. L. Vaughn held a good revival campaign with Pastor H. C. Lafferty in his church on Sargent Avenue. Five were saved during the meetings. A good work is being established and a good Sunday school is in operation. The attendance had reached 94 two months after the work was begun.

UKIAH—The Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting was held there June 9. Sisters Ella Beare of Lower Lake and Bernice McPheeters of Boonville and Brother S. S. Webster of Lakeport were speakers in the afternoon service. Brother J. W. Belchar of Eureka brought the evening message. It was reported as a wonderful day of fellowship and blessing. Brother J. R. Edgar is the pastor.

WEITCHPEC—Souls were saved and blessed during the revival campaign Brother Charles Ward of Yuba City held there in May. Sister Gertrude Riecke is pastor, assisted by Sister Mildred James.

YUBA CITY—Brother Fred H. Reichert has resigned as pastor.

The circuit riders of those days  
Were not so fine and grand.

They took degrees in hauling logs  
And clearing up the land;

But when they rose up to preach,  
I tell you we could smell

The fragrant flowers of heaven  
And the stifling smoke of hell.



## Personal Mention

Brother FRANK W. SMITH, who has been teaching in G.T.B.I. this past year, has been elected pastor of the assembly in Paso Robles.

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Brother HOWARD S. MAY has been chosen to be the pastor in Coquille, Oregon.

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Brother T. J. JONES has recently been made the principal of North Central Bible Institute in Minneapolis. Brother E. A. BALLIET, the former principal, has gone to be the pastor of Central Assembly in Springfield, Mo. Sister Jones and the family are expected to arrive from England some time in August.

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Brother J. NARVER GORTNER has been confined to his home, most of the time in bed, for several weeks, having been quite ill. Sister Gortner also has been very ill for some weeks. Brother Gortner's health shows improvement in recent days. They would appreciate the prayers of interested friends.

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Brother C. J. FULLER has been enjoying the blessings of the Lord upon his ministry in Virginia. Many were saved and 82 were baptized in water on Sunday afternoon. In recent weeks he has been in Iowa.

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Sister STELLA MYERS recently held two weeks meetings in Wasco, California, with Pastor C. E. Shields.

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Brother and Sister NELSON HINMAN visited many cities while in Europe to attend the conference in Switzerland. They spent four days in London, then went to Basel, Switzerland, on the French border, and on to Zurich, where they spent six days at the Pentecostal World Conference. Leaving Switzerland, they flew to Frankfurt, Germany; then on to Malmo, Sweden; and later to Stockholm. While in Stockholm they were the guests of Pastor Louis Pethrus, and he was the Sunday night speaker in the Philadelphia church, which has over 3,000 in attendance. From Sweden they went to Oslo, Norway, and were the guests of Pastor Orlie, successor to Brother T. B. Barrett. From Norway they went to Copenhagen, Denmark; toured over

Holland; then to London; to Dublin, to Goose Bay, Labrador, and back to New York. Coming back through Canada, they stopped in Winnipeg, where Brother Hinman spoke in the church in which Watson Argue is pastor.

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ALBERT J. LEBECK, who has a growing business establishment in Sacramento, still manages to find time to fill many speaking engagements and to do some supplying for pastors. Recently he has supplied the pulpit for the Church of God, First Evangelical Church, Mission Covenant, and United Brethren Church of Sacramento; as well as presenting the Gideon message in the Presbyterian Church at Folsom, the Methodist and Baptist churches in Auburn, The Federated Church in Placerville, the Methodist Church in Yuba City, and the Friends Church in Citrus Heights. He has also spoken at Youth for Christ in Santa Rosa, the Chapel at Folsom Prison, and at the Preston School for Boys at Ione. As president of the Sacramento Camp of Gideons, he had the privilege of presenting 450 New Testaments to the schools in Nevada City in May. They presented 1,000 Testaments to the schools in Auburn in June.

## New Arrivals

Little Barbara Kay came to join the family circle of Pastor and Mrs. R. C. Fulmer of St. Helena on May 31. She is their second daughter.

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The Thurmonds are grandparents now. Aletha Lee Chapman was born June 6 in Fort Bragg, where her happy parents have opened a new gospel effort recently. They are Brother and Sister Ivan Chapman.

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Pastor and Mrs. Vernon M. Murray of Daly City welcomed a son into their home and hearts on June 14. His name is Kenneth Martin.

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Pastor and Mrs. E. Wm. Anderson have a new daughter. She arrived June 13 and her name is Marlene Alyce.

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FOR SALE—20 benches 10 feet long. If interested, contact Pastor Irving F. Ford, 4801 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

## Do You Have One?

by Arthur Lindvall

Have you a family altar in your home? No? Are you a Christian? Is your husband or wife a Christian? Then why don't you have a family altar? It is the best form of home insurance there is available today.

The tragic fact among professing Christians today, even in Pentecostal circles, is that many are trying to maintain godly homes without the Bible and prayer as the center. It cannot be done and is not being done. We may be good Christians at church and our children may be active there also, but unless we as a family stand united in our faith and are co-operative in prayer against the wiles of the devil, we or the children stand a good chance of losing out in our walk with God. We don't have to look far to see the evidences of that even in our midst.

Do we as fathers and mothers dare to continue in our responsibility as Christian parents without daily acknowledging the need of God's guidance in the affairs of our home? Do we realize that we hold the eternal destiny of our children in our hands and that unless we try to bring our children to God in the home no one else will outside of the home. Church services can never take the place of a family altar.

Will you determine to begin and maintain a daily family altar in your home? If you wish further information about how to begin one in your home, or if you have some problem in regard to having one, your pastor will be very happy to assist you in any way he can.

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ROOMS AVAILABLE—There will be rooms available during the summer at Glad Tidings Bible Institute, until September 15. The charges will be for single room \$1.75 a day, \$7.50 a week, \$25.00 a month. For double rooms \$2.50 a day, \$10.00 a week, \$35.00 a month.

For those who would like to hear about the Pentecostal World Conference in Switzerland and about conditions in Europe as seen by one traveling through, Brother Nelson E. Hinman will be available for one night services to tell what he heard and saw at the conference and on the trip.



### W. M. C.

More than 5,000 pounds of relief clothing have already been received at the Church World Service warehouse in Richmond for the Assemblies of God relief program. We appreciate the way the churches are responding. Remember that it is necessary that your clothing be received before the middle of July so as to be overseas for distribution for the coming winter. Be sure all packages are marked "Assemblies of God."

A number of successful Women's Missionary Council district and local rallies have been held during the last few months. Some were for the purpose of displaying the work of a local group to stimulate interest in the church and community. Others featured the relief clothing drive. Brother Emil J. Naef has presented conditions in Europe and other parts of the world by personal testimony and by showing the picture "Seeds of Destiny" at several W. M. C. and fellowship meetings.

The milk fund is growing. Meetings were held at Salinas, Atwater, Gridley, Half Moon Bay, Madera, and other places. The hour before the afternoon service at Bethel Church in Modesto was given over to the presentation of the need and of relief work.

It costs 11 cents a pound to ship clothing overseas to the needy areas. Checks or money orders sent in to help take care of this expense of packing and shipping are to be mailed to R. J. Thurmond, Secretary-Treasurer, 1475 Ellis St., San Francisco.

—Mrs. R. J. T.

### Financial Chaos Coming

We now have a national budget of close to 40 billion a year, and a national debt of 300 billion. Since the attack on Pearl Harbor we have lent allies over 66 billion. Since the war we have given over 3½ billion through UNRRA for relief. In his budget, President Truman estimated the current need for "international affairs and finance" at three and a half billion. The cost of occupation in Germany and Japan, and help that the State Department expects to give to Greece, Turkey, Korea, and other countries during the coming two years, will amount from 10 to 15 billion dollars!

The war is over, but the drain on our treasury and our national resources continues. Our leaders still are blowing up the balloon. A balloon will stand only so much blowing; then it bursts. All signs the world over, including worldwide financial troubles point to an inevitable crisis soon to come: the great tribulation of the nations (see Matt. 24:21; Dan. 12:1.)—*Christian Victory*.

### Ever-burning Fire

"Abel's lamb atoned for the sins of one man;  
The Paschal lamb atoned for the sins of one family;  
The Day of Atonement lamb for one nation;  
The Lamb of Calvary for the whole world."

If what you did yesterday seems big to you, you haven't done much today.

### G.T.B.I. Graduation

The twenty-seventh graduating class of Glad Tidings Bible Institute received diplomas in commencement exercises held in Glad Tidings Temple Friday evening, June 20. The Class of 1947 chose for their name "Shafts of Light." Chosen as their class Scripture was 2 Corinthians 4:6—"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

Some members of the class are launching immediately into the work of the ministry, while others are awaiting further developments in their plans and circumstances. A few will go into other schools for further training and education.

Sal Massaro was the class president; Rodney Cooley, the vice-president; and Sally Bradley, the secretary-treasurer.

The graduates are:

Doris Abbott, Sebastopol, Calif.  
Helen Beasley, Salem, Oregon  
Walter Boring, Madera, Calif.  
Sally Bradley, Lamar, Arkansas  
Alice Busk, Oakland, Calif.  
Ella Mae Casey, Greenville, Calif.  
Rodney Cooley, Windsor, Calif.  
Leonard Couchman, St. Helena, Calif.  
Paul Couchman, San Francisco  
Joyce Erickson, Modesto, Calif.  
Ivamae Geesey, Ellensburg, Wash.  
Harold Headrick, Savannah, Ga.  
Rosalie Hyden, Lincoln, Calif.  
Louise James, Myrtle Point, Oregon  
Robert Johnson, San Francisco  
Sal Massaro, Passaic, N. J.  
Rosemary Murphy, Chicago, Ill.  
Morris Nylander, Medford, Ore.  
William Rettig, San Francisco  
Bernice Stovold, Marin City, Calif.  
Wanda Thompson, Fairfield, Calif.  
Roland Wessels, Berkeley, Calif.  
Joan Wright, Medford, Ore.  
John Wright, Medford, Ore.

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Brother Atwood Foster, Superintendent of the Oregon District, was the speaker at the Baccalaureate service held Sunday afternoon, June 15. He brought an inspiring message emphasizing the need of entire consecration to serve the Lord acceptably and effectively. Brother Foster was the guest speaker at the evening service in the temple the same day.



Group at  
Church World  
Service warehouse  
in Richmond  
preparing relief  
clothing for  
shipment overseas.



## Deep Living

We love to spread our branches,  
The root-life we neglect;  
We love to shine in public,  
And human praise expect;  
While in our inner chamber,  
Where creature voices cease,  
We may meet God in silence,  
And breathe in heaven's peace.

The secret of deep living  
Lies in the secret place,  
Where, time and sense forgotten,  
We see God face to face.  
Beyond mere forms and symbols,  
Beyond mere words and signs,  
Where, in that hidden temple,  
The light eternal shines. (Sel.)

## Radar Plane Plots Storm Pictures

Radar pictures of hurricanes taken from airplanes are being used by U.S. Navy weather experts. Radar pulsations were echoed back by water droplets in the air and the echoes formed "characteristic patterns" which could be identified by trained observers. Shooting a storm with radar from an airplane will broaden weather plotting, the navy said, since ground and ship radar sets are limited by the optical horizon.

## A Worried World

American men and women are so worried today that they are consuming eleven million pounds of aspirin each year. Calculate for yourself how many billions of doses and how many billions of headaches this amount of aspirin represents!

There are two reasons for all the worry and all the aspirin:

1. Conditions in the world are getting more and more troubled as the return of Christ draws near.
2. Believers in the church are paying less and less attention to God's remedy for worry, as outlined in Phil. 4: 6, 7 and Psalm 37:1-7.

The path of righteousness may be a little hard on some church members due to the fact that they travel that way so little they have tender feet.

## Current Signs

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1,685,203 major crimes, an increase of 119,622 over 1945.

Mr. Clark, in pointing up the statistics by Mr. Hoover, declared that 51 per cent of all criminals in the U. S. are 21 years of age and under. There are 7,000,000 criminals, at least, in the U. S.

"It is up to the American people to correct, teach, and stop these youngsters from following in the footsteps of other criminals," he said. "The church, parents, and communities must realize it is up to them to carry out some program whereby young people who might be criminals may be steered into paths of law-abiding citizens.

"Unless the three respects—the respect of God, and of home and of law—are learned and carried out, our country as a great democracy will fail. Apparently, we have lost touch with religion!"

## Catholics Become Protestants

There has been a great deal of fanfare in recent months over the conversion of a number of prominent Americans to Roman Catholicism. The press (which is known to favor Catholic propaganda) played up these items before the American public with a view of attempting to prove that Protestantism is gradually fading out of the picture. Subsequently the *Christian Herald* made an effort to point out that the swing has not been from Protestantism to Catholicism, but rather the reverse. The Catholics made it appear that only 515 Catholics had joined a Protestant church in the past ten years, but one of these Catholic journals was promptly called to account by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, which pointed out that as a matter of statistical record, 1,280 former Roman Catholics joined the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran church in the year of 1945. Furthermore, it was pointed out that inasmuch as the membership requirements of the Missouri Synod are much higher than those of the average Protestant body, it seems reasonable to assume that the number of Catholics in America who turned Protestant runs into the hundreds of thousands each year.

The *Converted Catholic* magazine stated that almost three times as many Roman Catholics joined the Baptist and other evangelical bodies as those Protestant denominations whose requirements

include adherence to fixed forms and rituals.

While exact and accurate figures are not available, it seems a reasonable supposition that for every Protestant who embraces the Catholic Church, there are one hundred Catholics who turn from their faith in Romanism to seek admission into the various Protestant evangelical bodies.

## From Iran Comes a Healer to Perform Desert Miracle

The United Press of May 7 gives an account of a wealthy wine merchant from Madera, California, who has sent to Iran for a faith healer to come to cure his son, Vaughn Arakelian, 37, who is a victim of paralytic seizures since a childhood accident. Mr. Arakelian has spent \$300,000 for doctors without cure. He said he first learned of the faith healer through Movel, whose sister, Sofi Shahnazarian, Tehran, wrote she had been completely cured of a dangerous goiter after doctors gave her up.

Avak, known in Iran as "Avak the Great," was besieged through his journey by hundreds of sufferers begging for help. He expects to spend about three months establishing a little Mecca in the desert resort of Mr. Arakelian's in Palm Springs. Hundreds have telephoned or written to Arakelian begging for a chance to see the healer, and some of the halt and lame already are reported flocking there.

Dr. Sunbat Yegghiazarian, 59, a practicing physician in Tehran, said he was converted after being sent by a group of Iranian doctors to watch the "miracle" cures of epilepsy, cancer, blindness, and paralysis.

An electrical engineer, Aram Movel, among those to greet Avak, had a scientific explanation for the "miracles." He said, "It's atomic, the negative charges flow from the hands of Avak into the patient, increasing the metabolism and effecting the cure."

Avak's method of healing is to touch the afflicted part and leave the rest to prayer and faith of the sufferer. He said, "It is done through the inspiration of God. If a man believes strongly enough in God I can help him."

Satan never comes to one and asks him to give up God and His goodness. In his treachery he always offers some *bargain* terms.



# Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

## No Hiding Place

Must the nation's industry bury itself in the earth to escape the fury of future A-bomb attacks?

Top man of Johnson & Johnson Co., New Brunswick, N. J., wants U. S. factories built to survive an atomic war. His plan calls for the immediate setting up of a 5-man commission of top-flight civilians to be aided by a staff of generals and admirals, who will:

—Survey all known facts about the atom and develop the closest thing possible to a sure-fire defense for the thousands of factories scattered throughout the country.

—Influence, guide, direct—and if necessary irritate—business leaders into all-out co-operation.

Johnson also thinks that if "digging in" is imperative for U. S. industry to survive another war, any program developed will have to be backed up by Federal law.

It has not been decided whether it's necessary to put factories underground or to decentralize industry, but he declares it's a "vitally essential matter for immediate and extensive study."

## Plans to Rebuild the Temple

Theodore Seybold, a Christian worker with Jewish people in Washington, D. C., says: "I learned recently from a Jewish Christian friend that Jews all over the world will be asked, starting July 1 of this year, to contribute one shekel (67c in our money) toward the 'rebuilding of the temple in Palestine.'"

The temple area in Jerusalem is now owned by the Mohammedans; the Mosque of Omar is there instead of the Jewish temple. From Daniel 9:26, 27 we learn that "the prince that shall come" (the Roman Prince; the first "beast" of Revelation 13) will make a covenant with the Jews, who have gone back to Palestine, for "one week"—seven years. This covenant will include permission for the Jews to offer animal sacrifices (the sacrifice and oblation) which they can and will do only in the temple at Jerusalem: hence, it is clear, the Jewish temple must be rebuilt for the predicted events of the Great Tribulation.

## Washington Drinking Habits

New York, May 14, One of our congressmen, Rep. Fred Bradley of Michigan, recently complained to his constituents that the cocktail party, as a Washington institution, was the deadliest landmine in the path of the honest, God-fearing politician—Congressmen are asked out for drinks and dinner seven days a week, and a legislator who really wants to work at it can get drunk about four times a day.

Commenting on this, Robert C. Ruark, columnist, says, "No dry talking when I say that the cocktail party, not the atom, will eventually do us in." Are we in danger of being governed by half-drunk legislators?

It was while Belshazar and his thousand lords were having their drunken and sacrilegious orgies that God delivered the fateful handwriting on the wall (Dan. 5.)—*Christian Victory*.

## How a Once Great Church Lost Its Testimony

The Euclid Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland was once a great gospel center, a soul-winning church. It drifted into a middle-of-the-road position, seeking to favor both the conservative and the modernistic elements. A steady trend toward modernism eventually led to financial difficulties—and money from John D. Rockefeller was secured to save the situation. Rev. Edwin McNeill Poteat is a former pastor, an arch-modernist. Rev. Bernard Clausen, a radical liberal, is the present pastor. The church even slipped to the place where it became the home for "a Communist-front labor school." How are the mighty fallen!

Now the church again is in financial difficulties. "The Cleveland Baptist Association is considering a plan to rent the large auditorium (2300 seats) at a considerable sum for use during the week and on Sunday nights as a theatre."

Two observations: when churches depart from the gospel they are useless as far as God is concerned. Many churches invest too much money (this church cost \$1,500,000) in buildings. Why not give more to missions, and put less in ornate buildings?

## Swiftness and Utter Chaos of Atomic War

(Washington) June 2 — "General Eisenhower told the commission that the decision in the future conflict would be determined by our ability to act and react in the first 60 days, rather than the twelfth, eighteenth, or twenty-fourth month, as in past wars."

The commission presented the testimony of Lieutenant General J. Lawton Collins, veteran field commander of World War II and now the army's chief of information.

"We could expect, that the war would start very suddenly and come through the air and that the enemy would try to eliminate the United States at the outset. We would have chaos, with communications disrupted, millions of people sick, wounded and dying, civil disorder and sabotage. The initial bombing attack would likely be followed by air-borne troops.

"To prevent disaster from becoming complete in the first few hours or days, two things are imperative; an air-borne striking force of highly trained professional troops, the missions of which would be interception of enemy attack and retaliation by seizing enemy areas from which the attack was sprung; trained men in every part of our country ready and able to meet disorder, sabotage, and even invasion."

## Rain of Death

Scientists are weighing the possibility of exploding an atomic bomb in the midst of storm clouds to create a literal rain of death.

It would be necessary only to watch the drift of weather toward a target and select a day when clouds several thousand feet thick were floating overhead. Radar would pick up the target for the bombing plane and the bomb would be exploded in the thick of the storm. Rain falling from the clouds would be poisoned with the deadly by-product of the bomb's explosion.

## Crime Reports Stir Churchmen

The churchmen in Washington have been reading with concern the crime reports of J. Edgar Hoover and Attorney General Tom C. Clark.

Mr. Hoover reported recently that crime in all major categories in 1946 broke all previous records during the preceding decade. He reported a total of

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